# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
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SPEED RESTRICTIONS OF TRAINS AT BRIDGES/OVER - BRIDGES OVER RIVERS
MINATI SEN

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there are speed restrictions of trains while approaching the bridges/over - bridges over rivers;

(b) if so, whether the restrictions were followed during the train passage on bridge over river Dhave where Rajdhani Express accident occurred;

(c) whether the speedometer of the locomotive had been sealed;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to follow the speed restrictions of trains while approaching bridges` over bridges over rivers?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA )

(a) No speed restriction is imposed on approach of bridges over rivers or on bridge proper unless the physical condition of the bridge or track so warrants on safety considerations.

(b) No speed restriction was in force on Dhave bridge where Rajdhani accident occurred on 9.9.02. Therefore, the question of observing speed restriction does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The speed recording cartridge was duly sealed and handed over to the Commissioner of Railway Safety, by the Eastern Railway on 10.9.2002.

(e) In case a temporary speed restriction is imposed, whether on bridge, bridge approach or otherwise, there is a laid down system of issue of Caution Orders to train drivers and guards for all such restrictions, before they undertake the trip on the section. In addition, caution indicator boards are also provided at respective locations. Running of trains, engine-man-ship of driver and observance of speed restriction, is monitored regularly at various levels for compliance.